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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2008-2009

(Item 3(b))

Programme 27
Safety and security

1. At its 10th meeting, on 22 August 2006, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 27, Safety and security, of the proposed biennial programme plan (A/61/6 (Prog. 27)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. General support was expressed for the programme, including recognition of the importance of its activities. The presentation of the programme was commended and the merging of the previous two subprogrammes into one subprogramme was welcomed.

4. The view was expressed that the security and safety of personnel in peacekeeping missions was of crucial importance. It was pointed out that cooperation between the Department of Safety and Security, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs to protect personnel in the peacekeeping missions should be addressed in the programme. The view was expressed that the result-based framework contained in

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the budget for the support account for peacekeeping operations could be cross-referenced in subprogramme 2 (a). The importance of continued collaboration between the United Nations and agencies, funds and programmes and coordination between Headquarters and regional commissions was highlighted.

5. Regarding subprogramme 1, Security and safety coordination, views were expressed regarding whether one indicator of achievement for (b) is sufficient to measure the expected accomplishment of enhancing the coordination of security arrangements at United Nations headquarters locations and regional commissions. Further, clarification was sought with respect to "personal protection operations" in indicator of achievement (b), the meaning of "unauthorized entry" in indicator of achievement (a) (ii) and the procedure for action in cases where a staff member is threatened. The view was expressed that the security responsibilities of the host country were not reflected in the programme.

6. Regarding subprogramme 2, Regional field coordination and support, a question was raised concerning the selection criteria for security personnel. For subprogramme 2 (a), clarification was sought with respect to the threat and risk analyses referred to in indicator of achievement (a) (i) on how to achieve the expanded field support referred to in indicator of achievement (c) (ii). For subprogramme 2 (b), clarification was sought with regard to the meaning of "multiple clients" and "United Nations security management system" in the objective of the Organization.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 27, Safety and security, of the proposed biennial programme plan, subject to the following modification:**

Subprogramme 1
Security and safety coordination

Indicators of achievement

In indicator of achievement (b), after the word "coordinated", insert the words "across United Nations headquarters locations and regional commissions"